

HOUSTON AREA STATE PARKS



Welcome to the Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge!

Adventure and discovery await you as you find specially placed hidden items that reveal exciting facts and stories about Texas State Parks.

- We have hidden a special geocache in each of 10 state parks for you to find. This passport page is your proof you found each cache, so keep it dry and clean. Write down each coordinate (waypoint) on this sheet before leaving for the state park. Waypoints can be found at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/geocaching
- Inside each cache, you will find a logbook. Sign your name, date and message for others to read. The front of the logbook will contain a story describing a special feature of the park. Use this to answer the question listed on this passport. There will also be a special orienteering punch, which you should use to punch the black circle next to the park name. These two elements are your proof of finding the cache.
- There will also be small prizes and trinkets for trade. Be sure to bring something with you and trade for something of equal or lesser value. Also, in each cache there will be different collectible wildlife-themed trading cards for the kids. Collect all 10!

That's it! Continue searching for the rest of the caches in the Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge and other caches hidden in your state parks. Go to www.geocaching.com to log your cache.

Once you have found all 10 caches, send your completed passport to:

Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge - TPWD
15315 Beaumont Highway
Houston, TX 77049

The first 25 returned passports receive a commemorative Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge coin. Other gifts will include large stickers and certificates of completion. Passports must be legible to claim prizes.

Last Step!

In order to claim your prize, please complete this Texas State Parks Geocache Challenge survey.

1. How long have you been geocaching?
☐ New cacher ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1-5 years ☐ 5+ years
2. Would you be interested in attending a clinic to learn more about geocaching? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Would you like to see the event go statewide? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Did you learn something new about Texas State Parks from the caches? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Where did you learn about the Texas SP Geocache Challenge?
☐ www.geocaching.com
☐ TPWD Web site
☐ Texas State Park
☐ Other (specify) _____
6. Have you been to a Texas State Park in the last two years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many times? _____
7. Do you own a Texas State Park Pass? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, was the Texas SP Geocache Challenge program a reason for your purchase? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Would you be interested in volunteering for the Texas SP Geocache Challenge program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Demographics (optional)

1. How many people are in your group?
☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5 or more
2. What are the ages in your group?

3. What zip code do you live in? _____
4. Ethnicity:
☐ Caucasian (non-Hispanic) ☐ African-American
☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian
☐ Native American/Pacific Islander
☐ Other _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail address _____



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Practice "Cache in and Trash out." Help us take care of our real treasures, Texas State Parks.

(PUNCH)



Brazos Bend State Park

- ? What animal has remained essentially unchanged since the time of the dinosaurs?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Sheldon Lake State Park

- ? What habitats are being created from the farmland?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Lake Livingston State Park

- ? Who were the first inhabitants of the region?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Martin Dies, Jr. State Park

- ? What is choking out our waterways in Texas?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Stephen F. Austin State Park

- ? What natural forces shape the landscape at Stephen F. Austin State Park?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Galveston Island State Park

- ? What percentage of North America's bird species are found on Galveston Island at some point during the year?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Huntsville State Park

- ? What funded the construction of the present dam at Huntsville State Park?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Lake Texana State Park

- ? How did the town of Edna get its name?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



San Jacinto Battle-ground/Monument SHS

- ? What are the three types of ecosystems found in the park?

Coordinates:
N
W

(PUNCH)



Village Creek State Park

- ? Why is most of Village Creek State Park left undeveloped?

Coordinates:
N
W